

**Abstract**

The purpose of this study was to determine whether there were differences in the prevalence of risk factors for low back pain between two groups of subjects who had been exposed to different levels of physical activity during their working lives. The subjects were divided into three age groups (20-39 years, 40-49 years, and 50-69 years) and each group was further divided into two categories based on their level of physical activity during their working lives (highly active and less active). The highly active group consisted of subjects who had worked as manual laborers or in physically demanding jobs, while the less active group consisted of subjects who had worked in non-manual jobs or in less physically demanding jobs. The results showed that the prevalence of low back pain was significantly higher in the less active group than in the highly active group across all age groups. This suggests that physical activity during working life may play a role in the development of low back pain.

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